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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Robert Seamans and General  
"Bozo" McKee, 28 January 1965

1. At their request, I met with Dr. Robert Seamans and General "Bozo" McKee of NASA on Thursday, 28 January, to discuss their ideas on expanded NASA contribution to the CIA mission. As an opener McKee made the following three points:

a. NASA can contribute importantly to the analysis of intelligence data on foreign space events out of its current experience in our own space programs.

b. NASA can profit from close proximity to intelligence on Soviet space technology, so as not to have to invent everything themselves.

c. CIA cannot afford to turn its back on the NASA expertise in reaching intelligence judgments for the President on such an important national topic.

I concurred in the substance of the above and retraced the bumpy course we had followed over the past two years in trying to bring this to pass.

2. By spontaneous combustion, we then agreed that a series of panels sponsored by CIA and staffed largely by senior NASA personnel would provide a very significant input to CIA estimates. After some discussion, it was decided that quarterly meetings of several days each would bring the really senior people of NASA to bear on intelligence problems in a meaningful way without jeopardizing their fundamental responsibilities. These

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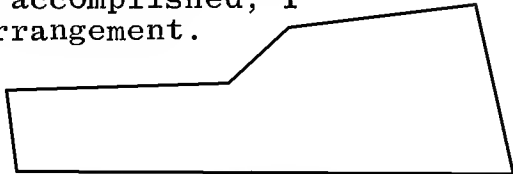
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panels would be concerned with booster technology, guidance and control, aeronautics, spacecraft, manned flight, etc. I feel that this would be very desirable because it would bring our CIA officers in touch with the key people in NASA, their programs, and their facilities. It would give us a routine access which we do not now enjoy. Lastly, it begs the issue of formal participation by NASA in the intelligence community. We would supply the intelligence input and a secretary for each panel. A written record of these meetings will be produced for CIA use. This happy solution of their supplying the talent and our charter seems to me to be consistent with the intent of the original legislation establishing CIA.

3. We are now proceeding to construct the logical subdivision of space technology which lends itself to economical intelligence exploitation and will put this forward as a proposal to Seamans for their concurrence. We will go through a preliminary discussion before formal negotiation so as to be sure that everything is agreed in advance. Until that is accomplished, I suggest that we not surface the arrangement.

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